All India port traffic projections for the year 2016-17 as contained in the Vision 2020 Report is given below:

(million tonnes)

Low Scenario	1114.65
Medium Scenario	1201.18
High Scenario	1309.45

Tn addition to the above, the ports are projected to transport 400000 automobile units during 2016-17.

National Road Transport Policy

2023. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have outlined a National Road Transport Policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main emphasis in the proposed policy is on private participation, rationalisation of motor vehicle tax regime across the country, etc.;

(c) the other salient features of the proposed policy;

(d) whether Government propose to involve co-operative societies to train unemployed youth in road maintenance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Government has drafted a National Road Transport Policy and circulated it to the key stake holders such as State Governments, concerned Central Ministries/Departments for consultation. The draft policy document envisages public private partnership in road construction projects, rationalisation of motor vehicle tax regime in order to facilitate smooth inter-state movement of motor vehicles. Other salient aspects of the draft policy document are development of a database, development of backward areas, emphasis on environment, technological upgradation, barriers on National Highways, hazards to road safety including road side hoardings, unauthorised speed brakers, overloading of motor vehicles, preventive measures for road accidents, employment generation etc.

(d) and (e) The draft National Road Transport Policy also envisages employment generation including the possibilities of formation of co-operative societies of unemployed youths by the State Governments and these societies could be mobilized to take up the assignments for maintenance, tree plantation, protection of assets etc.

Inspector Raj in SSI

†2024. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the era of Inspector Raj, the condition of the Small Scale Industries in the country is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to discontinue the Inspector Raj;

(c) whether the State Government and the Small Scale Industry Organisations have also been consulted;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to frame a comprehensive scheme for providing incentives to Small Scale Industries; and

(e) if so, whether there is any time limit for the same?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Recognising the need to reduce the rigours of inspection of small scale industries (SSI) under various enactments, the Government, after consulting the State Governments and various stakeholders including SSI associations, has .proposed a number of provisions in the Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMED) Bill, 2005 to streamline and simplify inspections under a number of laws and to promote self-regulation and self-certification, by the small and medium enterprises. This Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 12-05-2005.

(d) and (e) In keeping with declaration in the National Common Minimum Programme, a promotional policy package for micro (tiny) and small enterprises is under consideration of the Government.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.